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	Component)	

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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action of September 30, 2002 please enter the following Amendments and Remarks to the above-captioned application.

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A deck structure comprising:

an underlying deck structure including a plurality of joists;

a plurality of modular building panels, each of said plurality of building panels including a first element being relatively inflexible and of a material selected from among the group including: stone, mineral, tile, and concrete product, and further including a second element of a fiber-reinforced composite material, said second element being disposed beneath the first element and coupled thereto, said second element supporting the building panel upon two of the plurality of joists, each of said building panels further including at least one groove; and

a spline engaging a pair of grooves of an adjacent pair of building panels, said spline being secured to at least one of the plurality of joists to secure the pair of building panels to the deck structure.

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